

Planning Officer : Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: AW/75/14/T

Location : Verge at entrance of The Dunes, Aldwick Bay Estate

Description of works: Reduce height of 1 No Lombardy Poplar by 3 to 4m

Applicants Reasons : None provided

Comments On Application:

T1 Lombardy Poplar – *Populus nigra 'Italica'*

Height = 14m Average radial branch spread = 4m Age = Early Mature

- Very heavily topped out in the past and this trees current crown is comprised entirely of regrowth.
- It is dominated by ivy throughout which is becoming a problem.
- Despite the fact that no reason has been provided for the works I have no objection to them - given that it is prudent at such an exposed location not to let a tree of this species [that has been so heavily lopped in the past] get too large and at risk of crown collapse.

Recommendation:

I agree with the principle of pruning to address issues of ongoing safety of this tree at this location.

I recommend that the following works are **Approved** :-

T1 Lombardy Poplar

- Crown reduce and reshape overall by 3m to 4m making all final cuts adjacent to living growth points and **not leaving stubs**.
- Vary the length of cut so that the tree has a more compact and rounded form and not a flat top.

Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also BS3998:2010) and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Advisory :

Sever ivy at ground level - because it is so vigorous that it will dominate and suffocate the new growth once the tree has been pruned down.

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